# Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Form RE-2

Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.

(Revised 1/3/11)

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached: ☑ The original Employee Pre-Travel Authorization (Form RE-1), AND A copy of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.) Private Sponsor(s) (list all): NCTA - The Internet & Television Association Travel date(s): October 3-4, 2019 Name of accompanying family member (if any): \_\_\_ Relationship to Traveler: 

Spouse ☐ Child IF THE COST OF LODGING DID NOT INCREASE DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.) **Expenses for Employee:** Other Expenses Meal Expenses **Lodging Expenses** Transportation (Amount & Description) Expenses \$65 (for bus transportation in \$112 \$298 \$303 ☐ Good Faith NYC) Estimate (for hotel) (for train) \$15.79 (for Uber to train station) Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable): Other Expenses Meal Expenses Lodging Expenses Transportation (Amount & Description) Expenses ☐ Good Faith **Estimate** ☐ Actual Amount Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if \*see attached page ÇĢ CD C () () CD (Signature of traveler) (Printed name of traveler) TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER: I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35. (Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

Kyle Hill
Office of Senator Rick Scott (FL)
NCTA NYC Trip 2019
October 3-4, 2019
Description of Meetings and Events Attended

## Presentation at AMC Networks:

The traveling group had a continental breakfast and heard a presentation from AMC Network officials on the current state of the video marketplace. We discussed how AMC is adapting to the growing streaming market and its relationship with the overall cable industry.

# Tour of Spectrum's NY1 and Presentation:

The group toured the NY1 studio and discussed the process to deliver news content to consumers. We witnessed editing during live transmissions, news being delivered to the control room, and a pre-live studio being set up. We also heard from on-air personalities on the value of cable news.

# Tour and Presentation at ESPN Production Studios:

The group was provided lunch, and toured non-live studios from ESPN faculty members. We witnessed innovate technologies that enable multiple shows to be filmed from a single studio, and how ESPN uses augmented reality to create new views for consumers.

## Tour of Comcast/NBC Studios and Presentation:

The group was given a tour of multiple studios where preparation for shows were active. We discussed the TV production process from on-air talent, live studio witness involvement, and control room monitoring. We then discussed how this information is delivered to consumers' homes.

# Tour of Fox Sports Studio and Live Taping

The attendees toured live and non-live studios where NFL Thursday Night Football was being filmed. We met with on-air personalities and studio executives to discuss how sports being played in a different location is commentated by individuals in a live studio and how that information is seamlessly provided to consumers by a control room.

## Dinner at Lattanzi:

The group ate dinner together at Latanzi, New York.

# Date/Time Stamp: EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220. Incomplete and late travel submissions will not be considered or approved. This form must be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure. Kyle Hill Name of Traveler: Office of Senator Rick Scott Employing Office/Committee: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Office of Ser NCTA - The Internet & Television Association Private Sponsor(s) (list all): October 3, 2019 - October 4, 2019 Travel date(s): New York City, NY (NYC) Destination(s):

Kyle Hill is resonspible for researching and corresponding with industry contacts and constituents on telecumunication policy issues. This trip will provide Kyle the opportunity to understand more deeply the internet and television industry's technology, production process, and economic impact.

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

Aug 30, 2019

(Date)

(Date)

(Signature of Employee)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation

of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box)

(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

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## Heekin, Jack (Rick Scott)

From:

Hill, Kyle (Rick Scott)

Sent:

Friday, August 30, 2019 12:48 PM

To:

Heekin, Jack (Rick Scott)

Subject:

FW: NCTA Fall Trip to NYC

Kyle J Hill Legislative Correspondent Senator Rick Scott (FL) (202) 228-0493 (Desk)

From: Nicolette Stanley < NStanley@NCTA.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 5:32 PM

To: Hill, Kyle (Rick Scott) < Kyle\_Hill@rickscott.senate.gov>

Subject: NCTA Fall Trip to NYC

Kyle -

On behalf of NCTA - The Internet & Television Association (and pending relevant ethics committee approval), I would like to Invite you to join us for a staff delegation trip to New York City on October 3, 2019. You would take the train up to NYC early in the morning on Thursday, October 3, which would be the day of programming, and then you would return to DC the next morning, Friday, October 4.

NCTA is working on a full day of programming that will highlight several of our member companies' television and content production facilities, provide discussions with creative and executive teams, and give you the opportunity to witness firsthand how content producers, programmers, and cable operators are collaborating to change the future of video and the face of TV technology. Through this unique learning experience, we hope to deepen your understanding of the policy issues facing the internet and television industry today.

Subject to House/Senate Ethics approval, NCTA will cover the cost of your train travel, one night in a hotel while in NYC, ground transportation to/from the train stations, and meals.

If you are interested in joining us, please let me know by responding to this email. We will follow-up with a formal invitation, draft agenda, and the required ethics paperwork in mid-August.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Nicolette Stanley

Manager | Government Relations

NCTA - The Internet & Television Association

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# IN NEW YORK CITY

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OCTOBER 3-4, 2019

On behalf of NOTA and its members, we are pleased to invite you to join us in MirC to learn how content gets made and delivered to your soreen and withess firsthand how content producers, programmers, and cable operators are collaborating to change the future of video and the face of TV technology.

The Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and trip itinerary for your submission to the Ethics Committee is attached. To attend this trip, you must submit paperwork to Ethics no later than September 3. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Nicolette Stanley (nstanley@ncta.com) to confirm your spot before submitting your paperwork to Ethics.

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### PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee MUST also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

	nsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): NCTA - The Internet & Television Association
Des	cription of the trip: Travel to New York City to visit a number of NCTA's programmer and operator member
	companies' facilities for tours and presentations by industry experts.
Date	October 3, 2019 - October 4, 2019 es of travel:
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Nan	See attached list. ne and title of Senate invitees:
l ce	rtify that the trip fits one of the following categories:
	(A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal <u>and</u> do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal <u>and</u> no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip.  -OR-
	(B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (see question 9).
X	I certify that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
X	I certify that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
X	The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for de minimis lobbyist involvement.

The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal

except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (see question 9).

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9.	USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)  I certify that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:
	(A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip.  -OR-
	<ul> <li>□ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip (see questions 6 and 10).</li> <li>— OR —</li> </ul>
	(C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip.
10.	USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B) If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:
11.	An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I certify that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hourby-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.
12.	Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:
	As the sole sponsor, NCTA planned and organized all aspects of the trip and corresponded with
	the businesses involved.
13.	Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:
	NCTA is the principal trade association for the cable television and broadband industry. Attendance by
	Congressional staff on this trip provides the best opportunity to demonstrate the industry's significance
	to the U.S. economy, U.S. innovation, and job growth.
14.	Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:
	NCTA has sponsored congressional trips for Members of Congress and Congressional Staff to our annual
	convention (The Cable Show and INTX) since 1975. In past years, NCTA has sponsored Congressional Staff
	trips to NYC and Denver.

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Total Expenses for E	ach Participant:			
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Actual Amounts				-
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	Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:  Lodging is the same as the FY 2020 per diem rate of of \$298. The maximum allowable per diem for meals is \$76/da
	NCTA estimates meal costs to be \$105, including meals on October 3 and 4 (travel day), which is slightly
	higher than the NYC per diem rate due to higher costs for catering and restaurants in downtown NYC.
	Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first-class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:
	NCTA will provide round trip business class transportation on Amtrak.
	I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).
	List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:
	I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you must include completed signature page for each additional sponsor):  Signature of Travel Sponsor:  K. Dane Snowden, COO  Name and Title:
	NCTA - The Internet & Television Association Name of Organization:
	25 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 100, Washington D.C. 20001 Address:
,	202-222-2314 Telephone Number:
	202-222-2514 Fax Number:

# NCTA Congressional Staff Trip October 3 - 4, 2019 New York City

## Thursday, October 3, 2019

6:00 - 9:08 a.m. Acela 2100 Train to NYC

Depart: Union Station; Arrive: Penn Station

9:08 - 9:20 a.m. Travel (Walk to AMC)

9:20 - 10:00 a.m. Breakfast\* and Presentation at AMC Networks on the Future of the Internet

and Television Industry

AMC Networks, 11 Pennsylvania Plaza

This presentation will serve as an educational overview of the cable industry, highlighting its current opportunities and challenges, with a focus on how the cable industry affects and influences economic policies. Key topics will include cable job creation, the importance of protecting intellectual property in order to encourage robust content development, innovation and creativity in the cable industry, and innovative partnerships. The speaker (Josh Reader, Executive Vice President of Business Development and Strategy at AMC) will also provide insight into the ecosystem of AMC Networks and its relationship to the cable industry, both at present and into the future. The speaker also may explain how the industry is using technologies to meet consumer demand and how light-touch regulation has spurred investment in innovation.

Relation to official duties. Staff invited to attend all have responsibilities in the area of technology and telecommunications policy. Attending the AMC presentation will provide staff with information on the contribution of the cable industry to economic growth and job creation and a sense of the challenges and opportunities for the industry that could be affected by policy decisions in Washington.

10:00 - 10:25 a.m. Travel (Bus to Chelsea Market)

10:25 - 11:25 a.m. Tour of Spectrum's NY1 and Presentation on the Value of Cable Programming

NY1 Studios at Chelsea Market, 75 9th Avenue

This presentation will focus on the production and delivery of news content. Attendees will tour the newsroom and studio booths of NY1, and presenters will discuss how news is gathered and produced in remote locations, delivered to back to the control room, and edited into the program stream, including during live transmissions. If available, one of NY1's on-air personalities will meet with the group and speak about the production and value of cable news.

<sup>\*</sup>All meals paid for and provided by NCTA

Relation to official duties. Staff invited to attend all have responsibilities in the area of technology and telecommunications policy. The Spectrum NY1 tour and presentation will educate staff about television news production to provide context that can inform later policy discussions in the areas of cable and television broadcast regulation and wireless spectrum policy.

11:25 - 11:45 a.m.

Travel (Bus to ESPN)

11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Lunch\*, Tour, and Presentation at ESPN's Production Studios on Experimental Spectrum Use in the Studio and Production Process

ESPN Seaport District Production Studio, Pier 17

This tour and presentation will show staff the ESPN facility and production space, including the control booth where production is managed, with a particular emphasis on new and experimental technologies in studio production. For example, staff may see how the network incorporates into its production augmented reality (AR) graphic technology to make images of presenters in remote locations appear to be in the studio, creating an immersive viewing experience.

Relation to official duties. Staff invited to attend all have responsibilities in the area of technology and telecommunications policy. Attending the ESPN tour and presentation will provide staff with information on how cable integrates new and innovative technologies into television production and how policy decisions can promote or hamper such developments.

1:15 – 1:45 p.m.

Travel (Bus to 30 Rock)

1:45 - 2:45 p.m.

Tour of Comcast/NBCU Studios and Presentation on the Content Production Process and IP Protection
30 Rockefeller Plaza (50th Street Entrance)

The Comcast/NBCU studio tour and presentation will educate staff on the content creation and TV production process. Staff will have an opportunity to go into the control room to see how content is monitored and may hear from technical experts how they manage multiple streams of content to ensure that it is successfully delivered to homes across America. Staff also will have an opportunity to see the NBCU studios. On this stop, staff can observe the number of jobs that support the content development process and get a feel for the amount of investment that goes into running a successful network. A presenter will also be on hand to discuss the importance of protecting these jobs and investments through strong intellectual property laws, which in turn promote further investment in high-quality content.

Relation to official duties. Staff invited to attend all have responsibilities in the area of technology and telecommunications policy. Attending the Comcast/NBCU studio tour and presentation will provide staff with a better understanding of how television content is produced and delivered and how

<sup>\*</sup>All meals paid for and provided by NCTA

policy decisions in areas like wireless spectrum policy or intellectual property may affect content production and distribution.

Travel (Bus to Parker Hotel) 2:45 - 3:00 p.m.

Check-In to Hotel 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Travel (Bus to The Daily Show) 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Presentation at The Daily Show Studio to Discuss the Process of Content 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. Production and the Importance of Protecting Content from Being Pirated 733 11th Avenue

Adid not attend per Senate Ethics request. On this tour stop, staff will have the opportunity to go backstage at The Daily Show studio where a speaker from Viacom will discuss all that goes on behind the scenes in preparation for the recording of a live event, from background research to guest outreach. The presentation will also highlight the significant investment that goes into content production and the importance of protecting content from piracy in order to foster further investment.

> Relation to official duties. Staff invited to attend all have responsibilities in the area of technology and telecommunications policy. Attending the presentation will provide staff with a better understanding of how television content is produced and delivered and how policy decisions in the area of intellectual property may affect content production, distribution, and investment.

Time to check email and communicate with the office 5:45 - 7:00 p.m.

Travel (Bus to Fox Studio) 7:00 - 7:15 p.m.

Tour of Fox Sports Studio and Live Taping to Understand How Live Sports and 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. Related Programming Originates and is Distributed to American Consumers 1211 6th Avenue

> At the Fox Sports studio tour and live event production stop, attendees will see how live sports events are produced and distributed in real time, from receiving the live sports content to incorporating in-studio commentary. Attendees will visit the control room for the production and see the director of the program choreographing on-air talent, cameras, audio and graphics packages as the NFL Thursday Night Football pre-game show unfolds. Presenters will showcase the technological investment needed to produce high-quality live events and explain how spectrum is coordinated and used in high-intensity use environments.

> Relation to official duties. Staff invited to attend all have responsibilities in the area of technology and telecommunications policy. Attending the production and presentation will provide staff with a better understanding of how premium live events are produced, including how significant investments in technology

are necessary to ensure that consumers get the production quality they expect. Staff also will obtain a better understanding of how decisions in the area of spectrum policy may affect content production, distribution, and investment.

8:15 = 8:30 p.m... Travel (Bus to Dinner) ...

8:30 - 10:00 p.m. Lattanzi

361 West 46th Street

Overnight at the Parker New York Hotel 119 W 56<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10019

## Friday, October 4, 2019

9:03 - 11:49 a.m. Acela 2151 Train to DC

Depart: Penn Station; Arrive: Union Station

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# United States Senate

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

October 2, 2019

Kyle Hill Office of Senator Rick Scott United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Hill:

This responds to your recent correspondence concerning an invitation you received to travel on a fact-finding trip to New York, New York, on October 3–4, 2019, sponsored by NCTA – The Internet and Television Association (NCTA). NCTA certified to the Select Committee on Ethics (the Committee) that it will pay the necessary expenses<sup>1</sup> related to the travel and that it is neither a lobbyist, lobbying firm, agent of a foreign principal, or otherwise acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government. However, NCTA has certified that it is a private entity that retains or employs a registered lobbyist and that no registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal will accompany you on any segment of your trip.<sup>2</sup>

Based on information and materials available to the Committee, and assuming the actual travel and travel-related expenses conform to the information and materials you provided, it appears that the proposed payment or reimbursement of necessary expenses for this one-day (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) trip may be accepted under relevant Senate Rules and the Committee's Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel, so long as at the time of the payment or reimbursement, NCTA is neither a registered lobbyist or lobbying firm under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, or an agent of a foreign principal under the Foreign Agents Registration Act (and is not otherwise acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government), and provided the travel and all required documents are disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rules 34 and 35.

Under Senate Rule 35, Senate staff must receive advance authorization signed by the Member or officer under whose direct supervision the individual works in order to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary expenses related to fact-finding travel. Further, such authorization and expenses must be disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate by filing the completed Employee Pre-Travel Authorization and the Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses (Form RE-1 and Form RE-2), along with a copy of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form, and all relevant attachments (e.g., the private sponsor's invitation and itinerary) within 30 days of the conclusion of Privately-Sponsored Travel.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The term "necessary expenses" has a specific definition. See Select Committee on Ethics' Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel – Glossary of Terms at 8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The term "any segment of your trip" has a specific definition. See id. at 3.

Finally, Senate Rule 34 requires a reporting individual,<sup>3</sup> on his or her Financial Disclosure Report, to make an annual disclosure of the receipt of payments or reimbursements under Senate Rule 35 from a private sponsor for officially-related travel expenses where, in the aggregate, travel expenses exceed \$390 from that sponsor during a calendar year. However, if a Member, officer, or employee properly reports the receipt of necessary expenses for such travel to the Secretary of the Senate within 30 days of the travel, as discussed above, the travel expenses need not be disclosed a second time on their Financial Disclosure Report.

I hope you find this information helpful. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee.

Sincerely,

Karen P. Grman for Deborah Sue Mayer Chief Counsel and Staff Director

Travel Checklist Enclosure:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> A reporting individual is someone whose salary equals or exceeds 120% of the basic rate of pay for GS-15 (\$127,914 for CY 2019) or is a political fund designee and is required to file Financial Disclosure Reports.